

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
a recording material unit which stores
recording materials;
5 an image forming unit which is arranged above
said recording material unit and forms an image on
the recording material supplied from said recording
material unit; and
a power supply unit for supplying electric
10 power to the image forming apparatus,
wherein said power supply unit is constituted
as a unit integral with said recording material unit
and is arranged below said image forming unit.
- 15 2. The image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising an electrical substrate
unit for controlling operations of the image forming
apparatus,
wherein said electrical substrate unit is
20 constituted as a unit integral with said image
forming unit and is arranged above said recording
material unit.
- 25 3. The image forming apparatus according to
claim 2,
wherein said power supply unit is heavier than
said electrical substrate unit.

4. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said power supply unit is arranged on an inner side of said recording material unit.

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5. The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a power supply cord connected to said power supply unit,

wherein said recording material unit has a hole part, through which said power supply cord is passed, on a side surface thereof.

6. The image forming apparatus according to claim 5,
15 wherein the hole part is provided on both side surfaces of said recording material unit.

7. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1,
20 wherein said image forming unit has a discharge portion, on which a recording material is discharged, in an upper part thereof.

8. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reader unit, which
25 reads an image on an original to be copied, above said image forming unit.